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Sir:

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- [] Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement; or
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Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449:

- [] Copies of the cited references are enclosed.
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Concise Explanation Requirement (non-English references):

- [] The "concise explanation" requirement for reference(s) [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
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